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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 1, 2003, Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for an Extension of time with an appropriate petition fee, and respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.
Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

Fee: \$110.00

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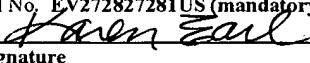
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | (Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | | |
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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + \$ 0.00 | = \$ 0.00 | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | \$ 0.00 |

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FEE PAYMENT

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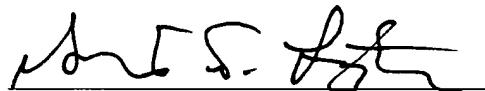
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FEE DEFICIENCY

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